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WARSAW FOR DIRECTOR SHAKESPEARE

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SUBJ: PORTISCH ABM FILM.

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1. AUSTRIAN TV HELD PRESS PREVIEW OF STATE/DOD/USIA ASSISTED PORTISCH FILM JULY 2. ENTITLED "FREEDOM THROUGH FEAR" 56 MINUTE FILM IS TECHNICALLY FIRST RATE (CUTTING, BRIDGES, PACE ARE EXCELLENT, CONSIDERING AMOUNT OF STOCK FOOTAGE AND DIAGRAMS USED). ABM ASPECTS ARE ONLY PART OF THIS MAJOR EFFORT WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY A PRIMER FOR EUROPEAN AUDIENCES OF THE SPECTRUM OF DEFENSE TECHNIQUES USED IN U. S. (AND AS MADE CLEAR IN FILM IN USSR AS WELL) ON POSSIBLE EVE OF SALT TALKS.

(2) 2. FILM FOCUSED MAINLY ON THREE ELEMENTS: CREDIBILITY U. S. ATOMIC DETERRENCE, SAFEGUARDS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL FIRINGS, AND U. S. AWARENESS RELATIVE STRENGTH SOVIET STRIKING CAPABILITY. THROUGH STOCK FOOTAGE MISSILE LAUNCHES, ORIGINAL FOOTAGE U. S. DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AND INTERVIEWS WITH GOVERNMENT, MILITARY OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS MAN-IN-STREET, FILM CONVEYS TO VIEWER INTENSE AWARENESS DEFENSE NEEDS OF U. S. IN FACE OF UNCERTAINTY SOVIET INTENTIONS. PAO BELIEVES FILM IS A REALISTIC, OBJECTIVE AND SYMPATHETIC APPRAISAL OF THE U. S. AS AN ATOMIC POWER; OBJECTIVITY GREATLY ENHANCED BY PRESENTING BRIEFLY VIEWS OF U. S.

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OPPDNENTS TO ABM. FILM CONCLUDED THAT THOUGH ARMS RACE COSTLY FOR U. S. IT NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN BALANCE OF PEACE.

3. SAMPLE PRESS QUESTIONS: "HOW MANY AMERICANS SCREENED THIS FOOTAGE BEFORE YOU GOT IT?" A. "NONE." Q. "WHY DON'T YOU SHOW SOVIET HARDWARE IN YOUR FILM?" A. "WE WOULD LEAVE FOR THE SOVIET UNION TOMORROW IF USSR WOULD ALLOW US TO FILM EQUIVALENT HARDWARE." SILENCE.

4. FOR DIRECTOR: WE ARE ASSISTING AUSTRIA TV WITH ENGLISH VERSION THIS FILM. EXCELLENT CHANCE WE COULD SCREEN AT PAO RESIDENCE EVENING JULY 10 IF YOU DESIRE.
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